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## Rotaryfest hoopin' good time

Brayden Miscio playing a game involving throwing a hula hoop over some labelled water containers at Haliburton Rotary Summerfest Aug. 6. See more photos on page 18.

## Waste expert pans incineration

By Mike Baker

One of the world's leading voices against burning waste has warned Haliburton County council it would be making a mistake investing in "outdated" incinerator technology.

Dr. Paul Connett, a retired environmental chemistry professor and waste management consultant based in Canton, New York, spoke at an Environment Haliburton! webinar July 31 to advise the community against pursuing incineration for municipal garbage.

County council established a working group in May to investigate the potential merits. While warden Liz Danielsen said at last week's meeting talks are in the very early stages, *The Highlander* has learned the topic will be discussed next month, with council meetings scheduled Sept. 11 and 25.

"Incineration is a lazy, uncreative solution. It's the Rambo approach to waste management – you don't like something, get out the flamethrower and zap it," Connett said.

He's been researching incinerators since 1985 and has visited communities in 69 countries to advocate against the machines. Connett estimates helping prevent around 300 incinerators from being built across North America over the past 30 years – only one has been built in the U.S. since 1997, while there are six in operation today in Canada.

Instead, he's helped communities establish new ways to deal with waste. He believes the answer lies in adopting a zero-waste strategy and transitioning from a linear economy based on quick consumption and disposal of goods to a circular one that promotes organic recycling, such as composting, and reusing.

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# 'If incinerating wasn't safe it wouldn't be happening'

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"We would need five planets if everyone consumed as much as the average North American," Connett said, noting how most people in Canada and the U.S. typically generate 52 tonnes of garbage by their 75th birthday.

He suggested the County consider banning things such as single-use plastics as a starting point.

In speaking against incineration, Connett said the financial and environmental repercussions could be disastrous for the County. He said the Durham-York plant, in Clarington,

carried an initial \$295 million cost when it was built in 2016 and annual operating costs north of \$16 million. The facility processes about 140,000 tonnes of garbage per year.

Connett estimated a similar build would run closer to \$400 to \$500 million today.

## The dangers

While the Durham-York incinerator and others located in Brampton and soon-to-be Edmonton are promoted as clean and safe for the environment, Connett contends the opposite.

"Incineration produces a toxic ash that nobody wants. For every four tons of trash burned, about one ton of ash is created – bottom ash that gathers under the grate and fly ash by the boilers and air pollution control devices," Connett said, noting the ash contains dangerous levels of toxic metals such as lead and cadmium.

He noted fly ash was particularly dangerous – saying many countries, such as Germany and Switzerland, treat it as hazardous waste, place the ash into nylon bags and store them in salt mines. "It's the same way they handle low-level radioactive waste," Connett said.

The Durham-York plant transports its fly ash to New York State, where it's buried, Connett noted – showing that incinerators require some form of landfilling operation to safely operate, so shouldn't be considered a replacement.

Connett said there are miniscule dioxins, furans, and nanoparticles produced during the burning process that can be harmful to people. He said a 2020 study completed by McGill University links air pollution nanoparticles to increased cases of brain cancer.

"Incinerators convert thousands of tons of solid waste into trillions of very tiny particles, which are difficult to capture and can carry the most toxic substances known to man into every tissue in the human body," Connett said.

## Durham plant 'not perfect'

Linda Gasser and Wendy Bracken are community advocates residing in Durham Region. They say they've spent years questioning the Durham-York plant, which they claim has run into many expensive problems in the eight years it's been operational.

Within 18 months of opening, Gasser claimed there had been three fires, an enforced three-month closure to repair corroded boiler tubes, and a situation where almost 14 times the acceptable levels of major dioxin and furan emissions were released into the public, causing another closure.

Bracken estimated 26 per cent of total mass burn at the Durham-York landfill is eventually transported to landfills. She said independent scientists conducting tests on nearby land in 2023 found the incinerator has had a negative impact on soil quality since opening.

## Something needs to be done

Dysart et al deputy mayor Walt McKechnie has been a long-time proponent of incinerators. He led the charge for the County to explore options for bringing a plant to Haliburton County.

He said incinerators have been used for years in Europe, in places like Norway, Sweden, and Poland.

"In this day and age, if incinerating wasn't safe, it wouldn't be happening,"

McKechnie told *The Highlander* this week.

He feels County townships are in a race against time to establish new waste management practices and policies before local landfills reach their capacity. There are 18 dump sites across the County, 12 of them landfills and six transfer stations. Estimated lifespan of the remaining landfills is between 15 and 90 years.

McKechnie believes in a made-in-Haliburton County solution, though stopped short of providing examples of how to bring a facility online, or how much it could cost.

"We have to come up with an alternative. We've been filling landfills here for 60, 70 years. When you think of the improvements we've made elsewhere in infrastructure, building codes, the way we look at septic – landfill operations have stagnated," McKechnie said.

He added, "we're at a point in Dysart where, relatively soon, everything is going to be a transfer station. Eventually, the whole County will be the same way. Trucking garbage down the highway for hundreds of thousands of dollars every year, it doesn't make sense to continue down that path."

"I'm not stupid enough to think there's going to be an incinerator in Haliburton tomorrow. Someday there could be. But we need to be thinking about this today so that our future community does not suffer."

*"We would need five planets if everyone consumed as much as the average North American."*

**Dr. Paul Connett, waste management consultant**

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# Haliburton firefighters in northwest Ontario, BC

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton fire management headquarters is being kept busy, with crews deployed to Ontario's northwest region, and British Columbia.

MNRF spokesperson, Isabelle Chenard, said five FireRanger crews have been sent outside of the fire management area. Each fire crew varies from four to six firefighters.

"Four of these fire crews are working on active fires in Ontario's northwest region, in the Dryden and Red Lake fire management areas, and one has been deployed to British Columbia," Chenard said.

She added that as of 12:30 p.m. Aug. 6, there were 59 active wildland fires in Ontario, of which 37 are in the northwest region (seven not under control, two being held, four under control, and 24 being observed), 22 in the northeast region (three not under control, two under control and 17 being observed).

"Ontario has deployed personnel to Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba in the form of fire crews, incident management teams, and overhead staff. There are also northeast region fire crews deployed to the northwest region, as well as some overhead staff," the spokesperson said.

"In terms of equipment, Ontario has provided 1,000 lengths of hose and 40 sprinkler kits to Manitoba. The deployment of these resources has occurred via resource sharing agreements with our partners, through the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre and the Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact."

Chenard said the current fire hazard in areas of the fire region located east and south of North Bay, Thorne and French River (which includes the entire Haliburton sector) is generally low to moderate, as precipitation continues.

Chenard added fire is a natural part of the ecosystem in the boreal forest. When naturally occurring, not threatening people, property or infrastructure, they are sometimes allowed to behave as they would in the natural environment - without human intervention - with the ultimate goal of allowing the natural benefits of fire to occur.

These include regeneration of habitat and forest growth. Some tree species need the extreme heat of wildland fires to reproduce, as is the case for Jack Pines that have cones sealed by resin (serotinous cones). The resin is melted from the heat of fires, ultimately releasing the seeds that had previously been locked inside. This is the same for lodgepole pine (mostly in Western Canada) and for other local tree species such as the black spruce (semi-serotinous). Other tree species have evolved to adapt to fire on the landscape, such as poplar and birch. They can sprout new trees from the root systems that survive forest fires. Some animal species prefer fire-affected landscapes, such as the black-backed woodpecker.

A fire that is 'being observed' is one that is being monitored to allow the natural ecological benefits of wildland fires to take place as they would in the natural environment without human intervention. If monitored fires pose any risks to people, property, or infrastructure, the MNRF would



An MNRF crew deploys to fires in Alberta. *Image courtesy of the MNRF/X*

take action to mitigate risks.

Updates about active wildland fires in the province, as well as Ontario's Interactive Fire Map, can be found at [ontario.ca/forestfire](https://ontario.ca/forestfire) from April to October. To further stay up to date with the forest fire situation this season and to help you learn more

FireSmart and fire prevention tips, you can follow them on X (the social media channel formerly known as Twitter), Facebook and Instagram @ONForestFires in English and @ONFeuDeForêt in French.

## OPP NEWS

### OPP motorcycle safety tips

With the nice weather and activities in Haliburton County, OPP are reminding motorcyclists and motorists about safety tips to prevent motorcycle-related fatalities and injuries on roads and highways.

For motorcyclists: dress to be seen and protected. Wear approved helmets,

gloves, and jackets, and consider wearing bright colours that are easily seen by other motorists; slow down. Respecting the posted speed limit and adjusting your speed in response to changing weather conditions will allow you time to respond safely; drive defensively. Consider that other motorists may not see you and try making eye contact with vehicles that might pull out in front of you; take it to

the track. The street is no place to test the limits of your sport bike. Take a lesson at a local racetrack or sign up for a track day.

For motorists: look twice at intersections and when changing lanes. Motorcycles are small and easy to lose in a blind spot. It is also easy to misjudge the speed of an approaching motorcycle; back off. Having a rear end collision with a car is one thing, but having one with a motorcycle

could have fatal consequences; give them room. Leave yourself time to react when motorcycles are around. If a rider were to fall off, could you avoid the downed rider? Give them space to swerve safely. Motorcyclists often need to be active in their own lane to avoid obstacles such as potholes or roadkill. Hitting any of these could cause an issue for the rider.

(OPP news compiled by Lisa Gervais)



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Above: A delivery truck caught fire in the Haliburton Foodland parking lot this past Saturday morning. Right: Smoke could be seen rising from the Haliburton Foodland. *Photos by David Partridge.*

# Delivery truck burns at Haliburton Foodland

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al fire chief Dan Chumbley credited Haliburton Foodland staff for quickly evacuating the local store after a delivery truck caught fire early Aug. 2.

Chumbley said the fire department received a call at 8:06 a.m. about a blaze at the downtown grocer. Upon arrival, firefighters saw the cabin of a semi-trailer truck parked beside the building up in flames.

“The truck itself was fully involved and the flames were working on the front of the trailer. The truck itself is a total loss,” Chumbley told *The Highlander*. “Some of the lids for the dumpsters nearby [also] melted due to the high heat.”

Fourteen volunteer firefighters from Dysart responded, with support provided by the Minden Hills department. Chumbley said the

fire was quickly brought under control, with all firefighters leaving the scene before 10 a.m.

He said the fire was first observed below the driver’s door, but the ignition source was uncertain during initial investigation. Manasvi Thakur, spokesperson for Sobeys, which owns the Foodland brand, said an internal investigation into the incident has been launched.

Thakur said staff acted swiftly once the fire broke out, containing it to the vehicle and ensuring the blaze had no impact on the store. Customers were evacuated within minutes, with no injuries reported.

Chumbley said he was pleased to see everyone outside the building when he and his team arrived.

“It was very reassuring to hear the building

had been evacuated before our arrival,” Chumbley said.

David Partridge was enjoying an early morning at the Haliburton skate park when he noticed thick plumes of smoke rising about a block away. He went to investigate and found he was the first person on-scene, aside from evacuated shoppers. He took out his phone to snap some photos and attempted to shoot a video when the fire worsened.

“It blew up a couple times while I was nearby and I’ve seen enough fail videos to know when I’m tempting fate, so I bolted back to the skatepark where I barely landed a kickflip,” Partridge said. “It was a pretty wild scene to stumble on.”

Thakur said firefighters had the situation under control within an hour, with the business reopening later that morning.

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- August 8 – Regular Council Meeting • August 29 – Regular Council Meeting
- September 12 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at <https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>. Visit our website for more information.

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- The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is pleased to welcome back artist Michèle Karch-Ackerman with her new exhibit *Flower Orphanage*. The exhibit is on display until August 17. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Visit the online calendar for more info.
- The Minden Hills Museum, Heritage Village and Nature’s Place are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Visit our website at <https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/News/media-release-24-50-programs-and-activities-at-the-minden-hills-cultural-centre-july-2024.aspx> for a full list of daily programs.

For more information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: email [culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca](mailto:culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca) or call 705-286-3763.

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# Construction 'reverting to norm' in County

By Mike Baker

It's been a slow start to the summer construction season across parts of Haliburton County, though Kevin Hodgkinson, president of the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association (HCHBA), says it's too early to hit the panic button.

While he's noticed a bit of a downturn at his custom cottage building business, with others in the local construction space reporting similar decreases in demand, Hodgkinson said he still has enough work to keep his staff busy.

"I'm quoting a lot more renovations than I am new builds – that's been happening, really, over the last six months," Hodgkinson said. "The days of having two or three years of jobs lined up, that's probably over for now. One of the issues we've been seeing, too, is more contractors from down south coming north to complete jobs too."

He said he's hearing from friends in the industry that business has slowed substantially in the GTA.

Hodgkinson said he has one major project booked for 2025. Usually, by this time, he has two projects pencilled in with a lengthy waitlist.

"I'm not overly worried – we've been extremely lucky as contractors that, in the last 15 years, it's been as busy as it has been here. Going through COVID was absolutely crazy, we were so unbelievably busy. I'd say things are moving back to the way they always were, reverting to the norm. It was always going to slow down," Hodgkinson said.

In Dysart et al, chief building official Karl Korpela said it had been a "dismal" summer for construction. The township issued 49 building permits in June – down from 73 in the same month in 2023, 85 in 2022, and 83 in 2021. That adds to the 45 applications processed in May, which was the lowest the township has seen for that month since 2019.

Most concerning, Korpela said, is the construction value of approved projects over the past two months – way down from the past three years. For May and June, the total value is estimated at just over \$10.1 million this year, less than a third of the \$32.3 million recorded in 2023 and down from \$21.4 million in 2022 and \$20.1 million in 2021.

Year-to-date construction values are pegged at \$29.5 million, with 216 permits issued – both four-year lows.

"I'm not exactly sure why our permit numbers are so low... it's hard to point a finger at any one thing. It could be Canada's high inflation rate, interest rates, capital gains tax regulations, the carbon tax," Korpela said.

He noted the problem appears to be taking hold provincially. Quoting a recent Statistics Canada report, Korpela said construction of single-family homes is down 24 per cent, with all other dwelling types down 12 per cent for June year over year.

Comparing new construction through the first half of 2024 to last year, Korpela said Dysart is down 69 per cent for single-family homes, 25 per cent for seasonal dwellings, and 78 per cent for all other accommodation types. Total permit applications are down 16 per cent – with smaller projects such as decks, sheds, and garages making up most of the numbers.

Mayor Murray Fearrey said it's a cycle he's seen before.

"I think a lot of contractors are working on contracts they already have," he said. "We all knew this would happen. Whenever you have a peak, you have to expect a valley. I don't know how long it's going to last, but it's not good news."

Any decrease in business for the building sector is filtering down to companies that assist with major projects. Coun. Pat Casey, who owns Total Site Services – specializing in site preparation, drilling, blasting, excavation, and septic services and Casey's Water Well and Geothermal, said business is down 30 to 40 per cent so far this year.

## Around the County

It's largely been business as usual in Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East – with both townships reporting an increase in estimated construction values for projects approved by the building departments.

Through the first half of 2024, Algonquin Highlands chief building official, Greg Moore, has reported 65 building permit approvals carrying a total value of almost \$18.4 million. Over the same time last year, the township issued 100 permits at an estimated value of \$12.5 million.

In Highlands East, there have been 78



Kevin Hodgkinson, president of the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association, said he's not worried about the slow start to the 2024 construction season. *Submitted.*

permits issued year-to-date, with construction value pegged at \$19.9 million. Last year, the township processed 54 permits through the first six months of the year, valued at \$11.5 million.

Minden Hills' building department hasn't released updated statistics since April, when 32 building permits were issued.

That's up from 23 in April 2023. Estimated construction values were not provided.

From Jan. 1 to June 30 last year, Minden Hills processed 136 building permits – 30 of them single-family dwellings, 35 accessory structures, 31 demolitions, and 40 minor projects. The township did not provide updated statistics for 2024 by press time.



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HKPR has launched a new public health data dashboard. Photo by Mike Baker.

## HKPR increasing access to health reports

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit (HKPR) has launched a new public information portal providing updates on past and current health trends.

The new virtual dashboard offers an in-depth look at all recently-recorded public health data, enabling HKPR, community partners, and the public to identify areas of concern, implement targeted interventions, and develop new programs and services, said Dr. Natalie Bocking, local medical officer of health.

New user-friendly dashboards have been launched on the HKPR website, exploring local data on various public health indicators, including chronic diseases, infectious diseases, injuries, mortality, and information from the 2021 Census.

Bocking noted the dashboards can be filtered to show individual statistics for Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County, and Northumberland County – and can also be compared to provincial averages.

“Our public health data dashboards are not only beneficial for municipal leaders,

community partners and residents, but will also help us redefine and better inform our public health approach in the future,” Bocking said.

She added, “this is a significant step in public health... we now have a whole suite of community health dashboards that are providing invaluable data so we can better control the spread of illness and monitor emerging health trends.”

Through the ‘census profile’ interface people can explore data from Statistics Canada, including population trends, number of families, dwellings and households in a community, types of incomes, first language spoken, education and employment history, to identify social pressures and how, and where, people are struggling.

A ‘chronic diseases’ dashboard compiles data from local emergency department visits and hospitalizations for ailments such as cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and respiratory issues.

An ‘infectious diseases’ portal looks at the number of lab-confirmed cases for 75 infectious diseases, including reportable

respiratory, sexually transmitted/blood borne, vaccine-preventable and vector-borne diseases. People can also find information on the number of outbreaks declared in highest-risk settings, similarly to what was seen throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

There’s also an ‘injury profile’ dashboard that updates on the number and rate of emergency department visits and hospitalizations due to things like falls, sports and recreation injuries, poisonings, car or other transportation-related incidents. A ‘mortality profile’ section provides information on deaths across HKPR, with categories for premature, avoidable, and cancer-specific fatalities.

Bocking said the health unit will continue to report community outbreaks and opioid overdose-related information through the new dashboards. She anticipates launching additional sections in the fall, centred on respiratory infections and opioid overdoses, along with a new mental health data dashboard.

The portals can be accessed at [hkpr.on.ca/](http://hkpr.on.ca/) data.

## Notice of Full Highway Closure

### Highway 35 between Highway 118 and East Road

Fidelity Engineering & Construction Inc. wishes to advise that Highway 35 will be under a full road closure between Highway 118 and East Road nightly from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. beginning on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, until Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

We apologize for the inconvenience and urge motorists to schedule their travel to minimize delays. Motorists are reminded to obey and follow all detour traffic signs for the safety of both the workers and the travelling public.

For the latest information on highway closures and construction, the public can call 511, MTO's road information line or check [www.511.on.ca](http://www.511.on.ca)

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## NOTICE

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The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands is submitting a By-law, to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002, that will repeal and replace By-law 2022-68 being a By-law to regulate cemeteries in the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Any interested parties may contact Sarah Hutson, Deputy Clerk, 705-489-2379 ext. 329 or email [shutson@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:shutson@algonquinhighlands.ca) for more information, or to receive a copy of the proposed By-law. The By-law may be reviewed or copied at the Township's Administration Office at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

The proposed By-law will also be available on the Municipal website at <https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/our-community/cemeteries/>

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Posted August 7, 2024





David Hyland with a peacock he found on his property Aug. 5.  
Inset: The peacock with the missing tail feathers. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

## The mysterious case of the peacock

By Lisa Gervais

David Hyland is still scratching his head over how a peacock missing tail feathers showed up at his property Aug. 5.

Hyland called *The Highlander* this past Tuesday to ask if the paper knew of anyone, or any wildlife organization, that could come take the bird to ensure its care and safety. He had been feeding and watering it since the Civic Holiday Monday.

He said that's when his wife, told him, "there's a peacock on the lawn" of their home near Furnace Falls. He went out to investigate and discovered it was indeed a "real peacock ... a great big male peacock."

Hyland noted the majority of the bird's tail feathers were missing. He thinks they were cut off because there appeared to be a straight line. He added while not an expert, he estimates the remaining feathers at four-to-six feet long. Peacock feathers can reach five feet or 1.7 metres in length. "Highly decorative," he added.

Peacocks do tend to shed their feathers naturally in a process called molting. The shedding process begins every year after mating season, between February and August.

While he has no proof, Hyland suspects the bird was stolen from somewhere and dumped

along Hwy. 503.

He said it was an unusual sight as peacocks are not native to Ontario. In fact, the peafowl are native to Sri Lanka and India, where they are the national bird. In Ontario, peacocks are not permitted as pets but may be kept on agricultural properties.

His son told him the bird is probably worth \$3,000 to \$4,000. According to an internet site, Peacock Farming, they can cost up to \$5,000.

Hyland said, "that belongs to somebody. It is tame. It eats Cheerios and grapes ... what else does it like? I had it penned up in my raspberry patch last night but he got out, jumped over the fence. He wiped out all my raspberries. He's also pecking at the side of my truck because he sees himself in the paint."

Birds are known to defend their territory, and will attack and try to drive away any bird they view as a possible competitor. When they see their own reflection, they assume they're seeing a competitor and can attack the image.

Hyland added, "he's not afraid of me. He's cautious. He won't let me go up and touch him, but I can stand three or four feet beside him and talk to him and he seems to be comfortable."

As Hyland walks around his rural property, he spots the peacock laying in the bush near the river. The bird emerges and walks into the grass adjacent to a trailer on the property. The missing tail feathers are visible.

"He's somebody's dear pet of some kind. It's so, so, weird," Hyland said.

"My son, who is into birds, told me if you ever find an ostrich feather on your lawn in some countries, it's the luckiest thing that could ever happen to you and your property. I found a whole bird," he says with a loud chuckle.

Monika Melichar of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary said people do have peacocks on farms, and said it sounded like the bird was a domestic animal. As such, they cannot take it in as a rescue.

When googling what to do when you find a peacock on your property, it comes up as "the first step will be to try and locate the owners. They may actually live a few miles from where the birds are gathering as peafowl have quite large territories. As peafowl are non-native it is illegal to allow them to escape into the wild so the owner should take responsibility for them."

In Ontario, people can report suspected animal cruelty to the OSPCA at 1-833-926-4625.

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# Incineration a hot topic

Last week's virtual panel hosted by Environment Haliburton! - dissecting the negatives of incineration - brought forward as a possible solution to the County's waste management woes - was the first concerted effort by the community to learn more about the controversial process.

It came just months after County council committed to investigating incineration, largely at the behest of Dysart et al deputy mayor Walt McKechnie, who has spent much of this term advocating for it.

It took Dr. Paul Connett, a retired environmental chemistry professor and one of North America's leading speakers on waste management solutions, about two minutes to convince me an incinerator is likely never coming to Haliburton County.

For one, the cost is wildly prohibitive. We heard how the Durham-York plant located in Clarington cost \$295 million to build in 2016 and carries an annual operating bill north of \$16 million. Connett estimated a similar facility could cost between \$400 and \$500 million if built today.

Granted, that's a much bigger facility than we would need in the Highlands. The Durham-York plant processes about 140,000 tonnes of waste per year. Our four townships combined generate about a quarter of that amount. Maybe.

McKechnie said he wants to see a made-in-Haliburton County solution. He doesn't believe there's any need to pursue a facility as large as the one serving Durham-York, calling for something smaller. He said there are many examples of small-scale commercial incinerators operating around the

world. He has said others could shop their waste here, too.

According to John Watson, Dysart's environmental manager, there are limits to what can be done with municipal systems. He noted the plant in Durham-York is one of the smallest incinerators Cavanta, the company that runs it, operates in North America. Speaking at a council meeting in May, Watson didn't think an incinerator was viable.

Even if it was decided the County could get a cost-effective burner, where would it go? For a community renowned for its natural beauty, dropping an oversized furnace here, even in some far-flung corner, would likely do more damage than it's worth, certainly from a tourism perspective. And NIMBYism will raise its ugly head, too.

McKechnie is right, though, when he says something needs to be done. The biggest landfill in Dysart, the Haliburton site, is already at end-of-life having been capped in 2020. The Maple Lake landfill in Algonquin Highlands has about 45 years of life left, while the Scotch Line facility in Minden Hills has a remaining lifespan of about 11 years.

Soon, most of our major landfill sites will have transitioned to a transfer station. While it's not a great use of money spending hundreds of thousands of dollars shipping garbage elsewhere, as McKechnie claims, we don't have any other choice right now.

With a resource as invaluable as U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research on our doorstep, perhaps there's an opportunity to engage with the bright minds from Trent

University and Fleming College to help us forge a new path.

Connett's suggestion of establishing a zero-waste strategy in the Highlands, while noble, is more of the same pie-in-the-sky thinking that I just can't see happening. At least not yet. Maybe people will be more amenable in another 30, 40 or 50 years, when our landfill space really dwindles. Or our townships are more open-minded to wide scale organic recycling and composting.

I'm glad these conversations are happening - incineration is likely to be one of the hot-button issues leading into the 2026 municipal elections. It's important to know where people stand.

It's equally important that groups like EH! continue to bring experts like Connett in to discuss the issue. But it's important to be balanced. Next, I'd like to hear from someone who can talk to the benefits of incineration. There must be a reason places like Durham Region and York, as well as Edmonton - which recently committed to building a new \$300 million, 150,000-tonne-per-year incinerator - are doing this.

With inflation driving up costs for people all over the country, nobody is lining up to burn money. Maybe incineration is the key, maybe not - a lot more discussion and local research needs to take place before we can say for sure.



By Mike Baker

# For the love of animals

David Hyland was naturally surprised earlier this week when a peacock showed up on his property just down the road from Furnace Falls.

The animal lover took the bird under his wing so to speak, offering it sanctuary and food.

He had some ideas of how the peafowl may have come to the Hwy. 503 area, but had no proof. It was a bit of a mystery.

Not sure whom to call, he reached out to *The Highlander*. We are far from bird or animal experts, but we do know animal welfare charities in the area.

Naturally, we thought of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. However, they are licensed to rescue wild animals. From everything David was saying, and from what I could see when I visited the bird on his property, this peacock was tame. It appeared to be a domesticated animal. As such, WWS could not take it in.

They suggested some other avenues and David was left with a list of phone contacts.

Peacocks are allowed on agricultural properties in Ontario, but cannot be kept as pets. David conjectured this one may have been stolen and maybe plucked for its feathers.

Again, while no bird expert, I began to do some research. I discovered peacocks can molt, between February and August, so this bird may have dropped its feathers naturally.

But the real mystery was where had it come from? Were there any agricultural properties in the Furnace Falls area missing a peacock? There were Airbnbs in the area. Had someone brought it from elsewhere?

When we get animal-related calls in this area, it is sometimes difficult to figure out whom to contact. The local organizations, such as WWS and The Land Between-Turtle Guardians, are pretty responsive. We're a long way away from the nearest OSPCA. Provincial ministries are not nearly as reactive as they once were. It can leave people such as David somewhat in the lurch.

We are also hearing from local animal welfare advocates that they have been beseeched since COVID-19's winding down.

During the pandemic and lockdowns, people thought it would be a great idea to get a dog, cat, rabbit, guinea pig, snake, rat, you name it, for a pet to keep them company. Now, they're dumping these animals at alarming rates.

A CBC report from last July documented how more people were surrendering their

pets and animal shelters were pleading for help. It is a trend that is continuing. Organizations said people having to return to work, and the rising cost of living, were contributing to a crisis. A shortage of vets may also be causing issues. As a result, sadly, some have simply dumped their pets. Meanwhile, fosters are down, donations are down, and adoptions are down.

It's tougher in rural areas. In places such as Toronto, for example, the Toronto Humane Society has an urgent care system. Owners experiencing a crisis or financial hardship can apply to the program, and their pet will be temporarily put in a foster home until the owner can take the pet back. They also have pet food banks.

But I digress. What we'd really like is for anyone local who may be missing a peacock to get in touch and we'll connect them with David. If any animal welfare groups can help out, we're also eager to make the connection.



By Lisa Gervais



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Left: Shirley Davison-Mark sent this photo of a chipmunk in a tree. Right: James Iglesias sent this photo of a fire on Twelve Mile Lake with Rock Island in the background.

LETTERS

Yukon grizzly attack

Re: Vanessa Chaput and Luna, Haines Junction, Yukon - June 30

While I was not there to witness the unfortunate grizzly attack, there won't be any journalistic awards given for in-depth reporting to any of the pieces I've seen. Help me understand how her story is of any help in educating those that don't know what to do while living/hiking in bear country. She mentions her education in the bush and knows how to deal with a bear encounter, but what about some wisdom on how to

prevent it from happening in the first place? Was she so unaware of her surroundings she didn't see the posted 'Bear Aware' or 'high frequency area for bears at this time of year' signs? No one asked Vanessa if she was carrying bear spray, bells on her or Luna, or did she have earbuds in to prevent her from being on alert? Did she not know walking from dusk to dawn is bear feeding time? Was she clapping or singing or whistling? Anything? Tips like carry bear spray, respect bear space, keep pets on leash, and make plenty of noise were offered online but not one

educated tip was provided by Vanessa. The only take-away she provided was "my saving Grace is from Walmart." It feels wrong to me as Indigenous Peoples have a sacred relationship with the land yet there's no thanks given to Mother Earth or the Creator for keeping her alive, but a shout-out to Walmart. Where was the humility, or respect for the three grizzlies taken after this encounter? Nothing was said about the sacred bear medicine she would carry after an attack, if only she could take responsibility for ignorant or neglectful actions? To say instead that no one is to

blame and it could have happened to anyone is not owning it. Where's the humble lesson? There had already been 17 bear deaths in the last six months. Grizzlies are a Keystone Species, an integral part of our ecosystem and listed under SARA yet they are still hunted, have daily struggles with fires, droughts, floods, speeding traffic, human encroachment, and being shot when too close to dumps and people. All grizzlies care about is finding food, they don't want trouble. Andrea Kelly Baysville

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Open to finding the right someone

By Susan Tromanhauser

Jon Salvatori is proud to be the fourth generation of his family in Haliburton County. His 94-year-old grandfather, Lenny, was born here after Lenny's parents immigrated from Italy. Salvatori's Italian roots are deep as his mother also has Italian ancestry, but came to Haliburton via Sudbury. Salvatori's two elder sisters are also still in Minden. When Salvatori was finally ready to leave his parents' home, he found a basement apartment that turned out to not be suitable. After a seven-month search, and an early heads up about a housing listing, Salvatori finally found his own adult home on Maebur Road on Twelve Mile Lake, near Carnarvon. Salvatori is quick to point out however, he lives in Haliburton, meaning the County. He has no time for rivalries between Minden, West Guilford or other Haliburton villages. He thinks everyone should be working together to provide the best services for all in

the County. Will the Salvatori family line continue in Haliburton? Jon is concerned about his parents' wait to become grandparents. He thinks his sisters are not considering parenthood but he has dreams of having children but has stalled in finding the right partner. Working full-time, often 10-hour days in the yard at Castle Building Supplies in Carnarvon, leaves little time for socializing. Salvatori does fit in workouts at the gym, but admits afterwards is relaxing time at home. He remembers in his younger days going to establishments where younger people frequented, but are no longer in business and he no longer enjoys the drinking scene. So where does the 30-year-old look for partnership? He did have a complicated relationship that ended when his partner left for adventures in the United States. Salvatori did consider going south as well but without a firm plan he will not leave Haliburton and family. Salvatori believes, "being willing to

compromise is a natural part of a healthy relationship" and is amenable to relocating for the right person but hesitates when pressed about living in a city with traffic congestion and population density. While his search for the perfect partner is on the back burner, Salvatori continues with his work at Castle, as well as his own business from home. During COVID shutdowns, when he was unable to work at his regular job, he began working remotely for an online marketing service based out of Toronto. While the pay was negligible, Salvatori feels the knowledge he developed was worth the many hours of his time. He learned sales skills and techniques which he has parlayed into his own side hustle, Drop Ship Brand. Salvatori's business involves selling products online without handling the inventory or fulfillment process. Salvatori is just getting started but has visions of expansion where he can work from anywhere. Salvatori is leaving the door open to relocation to find a romantic partner, but



Jon Salvatori. says Haliburton has everything one needs to live a fulfilling life. Salvatori is confident he could easily convince a city girl to relocate to Haliburton.





Lauren Wilson, owner and pharmacist, along with Crystal Robinson, pharmacy assistant, officially opened Pharnasave Aug. 6 in Haliburton. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

### A one-stop shop with local experience

Lauren Wilson officially opened her Pharnasave store in the Beer Store plaza Aug. 6. Wilson has spent months renovating the former Cordell Carpet space. Wilson had worked in a corporate store for 19 years, and after COVID-19, decided to make a switch to become her own boss. “I really hope patients will benefit from getting medical advice from a person born and raised in the area. Being a mother of four children, I feel like I have a lot to offer for young families in the area because of the experience there, and again, just more of the one-stop shop,” she said. “So, if they need to pop in here and grab a gift for a birthday party, or for a housewarming, or a teacher at the end of the school year, I hope to be able to be the place that they look to.” Wilson’s goal for the store is to have the autonomy to practice as a healthcare provider in the way she was taught 20 years ago. *(Lillie Qiu)*

## Events and sales hire at Sir Sam’s and Eagle View

By Lisa Gervais

Sharon Kennedy has joined the Eagle View Events Centre and Sir Sam’s Ski/Ride team as the director of events and sales.

Kennedy’s focus will be the sale and management of weddings and events, as well as connecting with the community and beyond, building further awareness of the centre, the business said.

It added, “with an extensive background, and an expansive career dedicated to the tourism and hospitality industry, Sharon brings a unique lens to this role via her specialty in rural tourism development.

“With Sharon’s strength and experience in conference, wedding, festival organization and more, we feel this addition to the team puts us in good stead for the future,” Doug Wilkinson, owner of Sir Sam’s/Eagle View said.

He added, “Sharon’s enthusiasm and community connections will be an asset to us as we continue to offer more and more experiences to our guests.”

Kennedy said she is looking forward to working with the “amazing team here and I know that we’ll be able to create some really exciting events and experiences for the community.

“Being a resident of Eagle Lake makes this even better, as I understand the particular needs of our local area but can couple those with my expertise from a larger regional tourism and event perspective.”

Kennedy has worked with Westin Hotels, Parkwood Estate,

Municipality of York Region, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and held senior roles with two of Ontario’s regional tourism organizations (RTO 6 & 7).



Sharon Kennedy. *Submitted.*



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# A taste of France at Features Brasserie

By Mike Baker

County restaurateurs Alex McCracken and Steve Rowell are aiming to do more than just fill bellies at Fort Irwin's Features Brasserie.

"I believe a restaurant's true job is to educate their customers – a brasserie is something people in Haliburton County are ready for, but just don't know it yet," Rowell said. "People know what a public house is, they know the term 'trattoria', which is the Italian version. Brasserie is the French edition.

"We're focused on fresh, from-scratch dishes that will change the way people think about simple food. Every time someone steps through the doors, we'll be teaching them something new," McCracken added.

The pair opened Features Brasserie July 15, taking over the space vacated by Till Death BBQ last fall. Before that, it operated for years as CC's Suds and Grub. It's open Thursday through Tuesday, for breakfast and lunch.

Rowell said the first three weeks in business have been something of a baptism by fire – with hundreds of cottagers in the area, and countless fans of McCracken's dishes, the restaurant has been busier than expected.

The early success has validated Rowell's decision to stay in the Highlands. The long-time local, who first moved to the County as a six-year-old and has returned following stints in Toronto, Stratford, and Alberta, had one foot out the door again this past spring before his childhood friend, McCracken, roped him back in.

Knowing he wanted to establish a permanent location where people could get food after 34 years of running his catering company, The In House Chef, out of his home kitchen, McCracken reached out to Rowell for advice. The pair had worked together for many years, first at the Pinestone and then the Wigamog Inn.

"We've known one another since we were 16 – I hired Alex as the executive chef at the places I've managed. He really knows his way around a kitchen," Rowell said.

McCracken said he was always interested in cooking while growing up, learning many recipes from his grandmother. While out west in the 1990s, he befriended a chef, Christopher Clinton, who McCracken recalls watching on various cooking programs as a teen. Clinton took McCracken as an apprentice.

As well as sweet and savoury pastries and classic breakfast dishes and lunch classics like traditional British-style fish and chips, Features Brasserie patrons will also have the chance to try McCracken's famed pickle soup – a recipe he's carefully cultivated for years.

"Alex has had people come from hours away for bowls of that soup. It's one of Haliburton County's best kept secrets," Rowell said, noting their mantra is quality over quantity.

They're partnering with local suppliers where possible – Oliver Zielke of JBean's Roastery is providing the coffee, including a brew exclusive to Features. All maple



Chef Alex McCracken and business partner Steve Rowell have opened Features Brasserie in Fort Irwin. Photo by Mike Baker.

products are supplied by Winterdance, predominantly known for its winter dogsled tours.

The pair plan to expand their operation into the evening eventually and have applied for a liquor license, which they hope to have by late summer. A sommelier by trade, Rowell said that will open the doors to even more unique events and offerings in Fort Irwin.

"I've got a great rapport with many small international award-winning Ontario

wineries. They're all dying to get up here, so we'll be partnering with them for some dinner pairings. We won't be stocking stuff from the LCBO – it'll all be from craft brewers, vineyards and distilleries," Rowell said.

"We've got a lot of expansion plans over the next two to three years. We see the potential here in Fort Irwin – as far as we're concerned, we're here for the long haul," he added.

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# Children’s author making County rounds

By Lisa Gervais

Lilly Esther is back - this time saving her neighbourhood park - as children’s author, Phyllis Bordo, returns to Master’s Book Store in Haliburton Aug. 10 with copies of her newest book in a series.

Bordo said she now has four books featuring her main character, and she’ll bring them all this Saturday between 11 a.m., and 3 p.m. She’ll also be at the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library Aug. 9 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., reading from her new book, *Lilly Esther Rescues her Park*.

“Lilly Esther’s going down the slide one day and she says to her little dog, who’s waiting at the bottom ‘eww, look at my hands, they’re all gooeey.’ And there’s bubble gum strewn across her fingers like slime. And she looks everywhere and says, ‘look, there’s garbage everywhere, destroying our park. How are we going to stop this happening?’”

The author said Lilly and her dog, Olivia, come up with a plan but people have to read the book to find out what it is.

“My books deal with topics not often talked about in children’s picture books,” Bordo said.

Her first was *Lilly Esther Conquers the Worries*, dealing with anxiety. “There is a lot of that in the schools. That seems to be my number one seller and it seems to be what the schools want to hear.”

The second is a true story based on the loss of the family dog, Quincy, and is called *Quincy Loves Lilly Esther Forever*. Bordon said It’s done in a humourous and loving way, making the kids laugh. “I never have a teary eye leave my classroom, but it does introduce loss and grief into their lives, because parents don’t often know how to introduce it. So, it starts a conversation.” She said she had sold a lot of the books to adults,

as they act as icebreakers when people “are in those situations.”

The third book is *Lilly Esther, Queen of Magic*. “Parents sometimes are a little bit busy so she finds a way to get their attention and proves that she is queen of magic, she doesn’t give up, she’s determined, she finds a way.”

Bordo, a Toronto-based author and Lake Kashagawigamog cottager, began writing about Lilly Esther in 2018.

A former teacher, she said she was volunteering at a library but couldn’t find books that dealt with kids’ worries.

“So, I thought ‘let’s write one’,” she said. “They’re real issues that aren’t often dealt with in kids’ books.” Lilly Esther is inspired by Bordo’s own granddaughter. “The books became truly a family affair,” Bordo said.

Her family even had a hand in picking an illustrator. Lilly Esther’s world is brought to



Phyllis Bordo with her third book, *Lilly Esther, Queen of Magic*, at Master’s Book Store in 2022. File.

life through Rayanne Vieira’s colourful and expressive art.

Lilly Esther books are available at Master’s Book Store, Indigo and online.

## Writer ‘never fails to be inspired’ by Highlands

By Lillie Qiu

Children’s author Aimee Reid celebrated the launch of *Baby Animals Trying: A Celebration of First Moments* at Master’s Book Store Aug. 6. The children’s picture book was released Aug. 1 via Sourcebooks.

Reid has published two other books since

last summer, *Animal Snuggles: Affection in the Animal Kingdom*, which came out in November 2023 and *A World of Love* in January.

There were temporary tattoos, colouring pages, balloons, snacks and autographs at the event. There was also an opportunity to win one of five signed copies of *Mama’s*

*Little Day with Gray* or one of two \$50 gift certificates to Master’s Book Store.

*Baby Animals Trying* is a follow-up to *Animal Snuggles*, and explores the first steps, swims, climbs, dives and other significant milestones of animals.

Reid will also be having a story time at the Haliburton County Public Library Aug.

16. Children can receive animal-themed temporary tattoos, do crafts, and enjoy a reading that includes puppets, action rhymes, and music.

Reid credits the Haliburton region for nurturing her creativity. “Such gorgeous, tranquil landscapes and warm people. I never fail to be inspired.”

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- Cake Walk

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- Stage Show, Geoff Webber & Friends

6:30 p.m.

- Pet Show

7:00 p.m.

- Pony Pull

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9:00 a.m.

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- Homecraft Exhibits
- Bouncy Castles
- Game Zone - BIG Outdoor Games

10:00 a.m.

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Top left: Vivian Boogaard, Liam MacLennan and Warren Boogaard after winning second, first and third, respectively, for their age group in the water races at the KLPOA picnic. Top right: Penelope Conroy, Christopher Lear, Savannah Lear and Ben Conroy waiting in line for the BBQ. Above: Stella Playter, Brent Playter, Brad Boogaard, and Wayne Playter sit in Muskoka chairs. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*

## Fun in the sun on Kushog Lake

The Kushog Lake Property Owners Association held its annual picnic at Pine Spring Valley Resort Aug. 3. It was an opportunity for families and cottagers to meet their neighbours and have fun, with swimming and noodle-paddling competitions.

KLPOA president Susan Harvey said the event has been going since 1969. “What’s really neat is there are families here today whose parents were here as kids, and now they’re here with their kids. It’s super,” Harvey said.

The association also honoured founder and past president Norma Goodger. She passed away earlier this year and they held an event for the Norma Goodger Memorial Trophy.

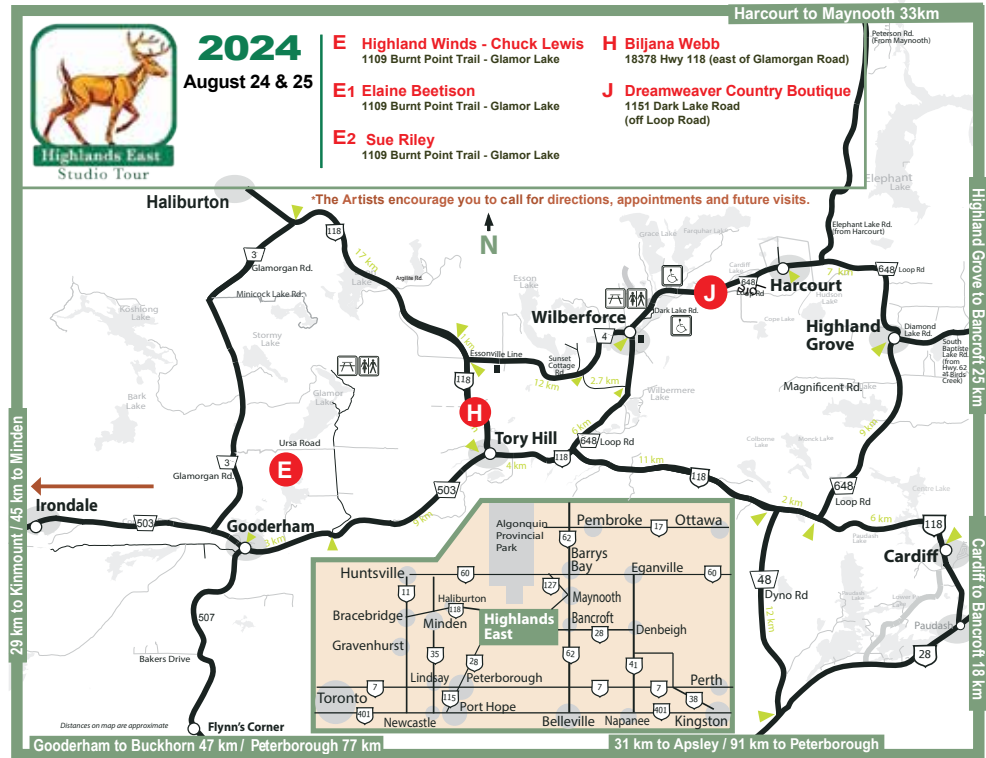
Harvey thanked more than 25 volunteers and added, “we also have a lot of local businesses that support us. I can’t name them all. There’s so many of them, but I want to give a big shout out.

She added, “friendships are made too,

which is really neat. Because the lake is so big, somebody might be at the north end, and somebody might be at the south end, they meet at the picnic and friendships develop, play dates get arranged, and so that part of community is really important to me.

“Everybody’s having fun, brings the whole lake community together. And it’s a way for the association to give back to all the members on the lake and all the property owners on the lake,” Harvey added.

There were trophies as part of the swimming and water-related activities contests with ribbons given out to those who finished in the top three in their age races. Families gathered during the hot morning and afternoon to relax on Muskoka chairs, grab a burger from the free BBQ, and cheer on their kids in the water events. The Stanhope Firefighters’ Association was also present for educational purposes and to provide fun activities for kids.



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## Midnight madness brings shopping mayhem

Midnight Madness Aug. 2, took over Highland Street and downtown Haliburton. Stores had sidewalk sales and discounted items inside. There was live music by Gord Kidd and Friends, Rotary's famous beef on a bun, fun for kids, such as drawing with chalk on Highland Street, and free banana splits. Haliburton Rotary was on-site to promote its truck draw, with the truck front and centre on Highland Street throughout the night. The annual event also had a prize pass, which allowed guests to find participating stores to sign off on the pass to enter into a draw to win one of several prizes donated by downtown merchants.



Above left: Heidi Hudspith and Ripley McEachnie of Mixtape Vintage inside Heidi's store during Midnight Madness. Far left: JJ and Brad Nussbaum inside Country Pickins. Left: Gillian Taylor and Nicole Spooner pose for a photo before serving up banana splits. Photos by Lilli Qiu.

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# Haliburton Forest offers starry, starry nights

By Lillie Qiu

Every Friday night in July and August, Brian Mould guides guests in viewing the night sky above Haliburton Forest. On Aug. 2, I joined him and others for a 2.5-hour presentation.

Star-gazers get lost in space through a telescope built into the observatory in the middle of the woods, sitting on 100,000 acres of undeveloped land, giving way to night skies that are void of light pollution, the main obstacle to night sky viewing.

Mould said stargazing and astronomy is a hobby for him and when there are guests, “I just try to explain what they are looking at, and our position in relation to the stars.”

The Forest was looking for someone to run its astronomy program and placed ads. Mould applied and got the job. “A bunch of us used to go to Algonquin Park in September every new moon and set up telescopes on the beach and do a public observing up there, too. But we had to end it about 10 years ago. It just got too big.” The Forest’s astronomy night has been around since the early 90s.

Last Friday, we walked about five minutes to the observatory. Mould introduced us to the Little and Big Dipper, the Summer Triangle, Arcturus, and other constellations. On a clear night, one can observe dark sky objects such as the Andromeda Galaxy. Mould also mentioned how in some years

you can see planets, and how sometimes you can see the “beautiful swath” of the Milky Way Galaxy.

Diane Dudley, from Campbellford, came to see the wolves and decided to look up what else there was to do in the Forest and found the astronomy night. “A few years ago, I had the opportunity to look through a telescope similar to this, but I didn’t get to see a lot. So, I thought, in this experience, we might be able to get a better view,” she said. “It’s so amazing to be able to see just a small sample of what’s out there. It’s fascinating there’s so, so much.”

Mercy Yulien, from Toronto, added, “I love stargazing. I wanted to give my children the opportunity to experience it through a telescope, because it’s not something that we have accessible in the city, unless you go to York University and go to the observatory there. But it’s not something you can just do. So, coming out into the forest and stargazing by actually blocking out city lights, it’s an experience they won’t have otherwise.”

Yulien said she learned how to find true north.

Mould said, “we’re lucky up here in Haliburton, we have beautiful dark skies. Anybody coming up to the Haliburton Forest at night time, they get to see really dark skies. If they come up from the city, they might have only seen just half a dozen stars.”



Brian Mould leads the astronomy night program at the Haliburton Forest. *File photo.*



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**RAINBOW STREET FESTIVAL 2023**  
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# Four types of native plant landscapes

Anyone strolling past the garden at Lucas House, the yellow-bricked Haliburton building that's home to The Highlander and Corner Gallery, might have noticed it has sprung to life.

The landscape is the creation of Simon Payn, founder of Highlands-based native plant specialists Grounded. Payn says the garden was planted last year and is still maturing.

"As with all gardens it takes time for a landscape to get going," he says. "Last year it looked pretty puny but this year, while still not as full of blooms as it will be in future, it has started to fill out."

And while Haliburton residents and visitors might see the grasses swaying in the breeze or the big clumps of milkweed, the insects have also noticed.

"What amazed me is how in the past month or so, the garden has become full of insects," says Payn. "If you look closely, you'll see it's busy with wasps, bees, flies, butterflies and moths."

The landscaper says this is testament to his motto: Plant it and they will come.

"People often wonder, where did all these insects come from?" he says. "All I know is, if you provide great food and a place to hang out, nature follows. It's as if nature is hungry to thrive."

## Right plant, very right place

The Grounded owner says he gets called to homes and cottages by people wanting to make a landscape that will attract wildlife.

With that in mind, Payn has created several "archetype gardens" that help make the process easier.

"Creating successful landscapes is about matching plants to place - and our homes and cottages have various types of places within them," he says.

The first type is the Pollinator Meadow. Payn says this landscape is great for a septic leach bed, which has sandy soil, usually in dry, sunny conditions.

He says it's important to choose plants that won't interfere with the functioning of the septic, but after that there are lots of species that will work.

"Imagine a hot August day when you can smell and hear summer," says Payn. "The Pollinator Meadow will have a matrix of grasses that sway in the breeze and throughout this are drifts of flowers."

## Gardening for life

Payn calls the next type of landscape At Home With Nature. This planting is for areas that are close to the house, where a more "designed" garden can work.

"Gardens near the house are transitional areas. We're going from the human structure of the home to the more wild makeup of nature."

The landscaper suggests a more formal arrangement of flowering perennials paired with either interesting grasses for a sunny site or sedges for somewhere more shaded.

"Many of these plants can work well with any existing, non-native vegetation a homeowner wants to keep," he says.

The third type is the Woodland Glade. "The typical landscape in Haliburton County is forests, lakes and wetlands. But sometimes, perhaps after a storm, a glade opens up," says Payn. "Our homes, carved out from the forest, can also be seen that way."

The Grounded owner might advise a groundcover layer of sedges, using a variety of species to provide texture and pattern. He would then find perennials that thrive in part-shaded conditions before finally picking a few shrubs that ease the transition from forest to open area, while providing spring blossom and fall colour.

Last but certainly not least is the shoreline: Where Land Meets Water. Payn says the importance of a natural shoreline is well known - but we can also make it beautiful.

"The secret is to use a wide variety of species, planting them densely and in layers," he says. "Then you get a habitat that helps the lake and enhances the cottage."

The Haliburton ecological landscaper believes anyone can add a few native plants and see the benefits. "All you have to do is plant it and they will come."

Find out more about Grounded at [groundedgardens.ca](http://groundedgardens.ca).



Top: Jeff Moulton draws the truck-winning ticket surrounded by Rotarians. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.* Middle: Rhett Spooner with face paint and cotton candy at Rotary's Summerfest. Above: Taylor and Brynlee Stokes play a fishing game at the fountain in Head Lake Park at Summerfest Aug. 6. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*

## Wasn't that a party?

The Haliburton Rotary Summerfest, or Rotaryfest, was in full swing Aug. 6. The event featured children's face painting, popcorn, and other free kids' activities, such as hammering in a nail, building a fortress using blocks, and demonstrations with the OPP and the Dysart Fire Department. Kids were allowed into officer's cars and got to sound the police siren. They also played fishing games in the fountain at Head Lake Park. RE/MAX Realty was present to give tethered hot air balloon rides. There were

also bouncy castles, Rotary's famous beef on a bun and hot dogs.

There was a children's performance by The Stunt Ventriloquist and Rotary's Music in the Park.

Rotary's annual announcement of the winner of the vehicle happened at 8 p.m. with Paul Morrisette of Haliburton winning the coveted prize. Morrisette was not present. The event marked Rotary's 80th anniversary this year. *(Lillie Qiu)*

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## Another battle of the elements

It was a super hot and muggy afternoon as the kids all gathered on the fields Aug. 1. But, regardless of the heat, full teams of determined players showed up and braved the elements. Submitted.

# MVP'S this week



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Louella Thaler, left, & Ruby Walt



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Calvin Brown



**Girls Purple team 7-9**

Abigail Meller





# The biggest little fair around is returning

By Lisa Gervais

Mother Nature looks to be cooperating for this year's Wilberforce Fair, scheduled for Aug. 9 and 10 at the fairgrounds.

That news is welcomed by directors Nicole Billings, Nancy Duff, Sherri Klapow and Sydney Little - as well as by the Wilberforce Agricultural Society and its fair board officers, chair Larry Durand, co-chair Michele Little, secretary Nancy Durand, and treasurer Joanne Vanier - who recalled an epic flood on the Saturday last year that went down in history.

"Even our longest standing directors cannot recall a year where we had to quickly decide to close our gates and concentrate on ensuring the safety of our vendors and guests," they recalled in this year's booklet.

"The deluge lasted an hour ... but most of our vendors had packed up and the tented areas were under three inches of water."

However, the indoor penny raffle and homecraft exhibits were busier than normal, "and provided everyone with hope and optimism."

They recalled how The Wild Life petting zoo and pony rides endured the rain, as did Gord Kidd and Friends, who had fun with rain-related songs.

The forecast for the 41st fair is a mix of sun and cloud and temperatures between 23-26C. No rain.

The directors said, "we look forward to



Gord Kidd and Friends are back playing at the Wilberforce Fair. *File.*

bringing locals and visitors back again. We've invited new and regular vendors to return as well. Our popular homecraft competition is prepared to show off both children and adult displays of creativity.

"The children's pet show will return on Friday night so get your fur babies ready to be the star. The kids always enjoy Kids World for crafts, hair and face painting, or spending time in the game zone playing big versions of Jenga, Match 4 and more. The petting zoo and horse and pony pulls will be bigger than ever."

Friday night features ball hockey from 5-9

p.m. at the tennis courts (bring your own sticks and balls), the petting zoo from 5 p.m. and pedal tractor obstacle starting at 5:30 p.m. Registration for the pet show is 6 p.m., with judging at 6:30 p.m. This is a fun one with prizes awarded for waggiest tail, pet-owner look alike, fluffiest, pet the judge would most like to take home, best groomed, twitchiest nose for rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs, most adorable pose, most colourful coat, best trick and best costume. The pony pull begins at 7 p.m.

Gord Kidd and Friends are back Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon, and then again from

12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The pedal tractor pull goes Aug. 10, with the pull starting at 11 a.m.

Saturday is full of events, kicking off at 9 a.m. and concluding with a family dinner at the Lloyd Watson Centre at 5 p.m. Some of the featured offerings include: a painting demonstration with Luanne Coghlan, scarecrow building contest, nail driving contest, sheep shearing demonstrations, penny raffle and sweet auction. See [wilberforcefair.com](http://wilberforcefair.com) for more information and a schedule of events.

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**Aug. 8**, it's Miracle Treat Day at Minden Dairy Queen. Net proceeds from every Blizzard treat sold throughout the day will support SickKids Foundation in Toronto. The store will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Aug. 8**, 5 p.m. The Haliburton School of Art + Design is hosting a silent art auction and cocktail reception in the great hall at the Haliburton campus. This event is open to the community and promises an evening of art, entertainment, and philanthropy. There will be a 50/50 draw, hors d'oeuvres provided by the Haliburton Post House, and live music from Nick Russell and Marcus Thompson.

**Aug. 9**, 10 a.m. Toddler-friendly drop-in activities at Minden Hills Cultural Centre. For children six and under. Allow your little ones to explore and discover through engaging sensory experiences. Available every Friday morning this month - Aug. 16, 23 and 30. Family Storytime taking place from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

**Aug. 9 and 10**, Wilberforce Agricultural Fair at the Wilberforce Fairgrounds. Regular attractions include: pony pull, horse draw, children's pedal tractor pull, antique farm machinery, children's games, nail driving contest, Dalrymple Rabbitory, minnow races, model trains, scarecrow building and more. Free admission for all on Friday, with children 16 and under free Saturday. Adult tickets are \$7 on Saturday. Come check out the biggest little fair around.

**Aug. 10**, 10 a.m to 12:30 p.m. Visit the Highland Grove library in Highlands East to craft an egg carton garden habitat for a mini dino friend. No registration required, children of all ages welcome. The Cardiff library will run a similar event from 2 to 4 p.m.

**Aug. 10**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great out and enjoy a great day at the fourth annual Kash Art on the Water event. There are 10 property sites around Lake Kashagawigamog, with 25 vendors offering their amazing artisan crafts. Come by boat, car, or kayak. For a list of property locations, visit lko.ca.

**Aug. 10**, 11 a.m. Join volunteers at the Minden Hills heritage schoolhouse to learn how to write cursive like a pro. Also available Aug. 24.

**Aug. 10**, noon to 5 p.m. Artisan market at the Fort Irwin Marina, featuring more than 15 local vendors. Come out for an afternoon of fun by the water.

**Aug. 10**, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Help Boshkung Brewing Co. celebrate its 10th anniversary in style with a street party along Water Street. Enjoy live music all day and offerings from a variety of vendors, featuring exciting giveaways and engaging contests throughout the day.

**Aug. 10**, 2 p.m. Our world has been experiencing drastic environmental changes in recent decades. Learn some key concepts of this global phenomenon and how you can help. Taking place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Also taking place Aug. 29 at 11 a.m.

**Aug. 11**, 9 a.m. Support Kinmount's 26th annual Journey for Health community event and walk. Registration is at the picnic shelter in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Enjoy draw prizes, balloon art, face painting, lawn games, a used book sale, pancake breakfast, and more. All proceeds support the Kinmount and District Health Centre and physician recruitment.

**Aug. 11**, 1 to 4 p.m. Toad house building workshop, part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's partners in conservation workshop series. Happening at Abbey Gardens - under the shelter across from the horse and pony paddock. Led by local artist Mary Anne Barkhouse. Must be 12 or older to participate, children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission by donation. The event is full, contact admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700 to be put on the waiting list.

**Aug. 12-16**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join Indigenous artist Jared Tait at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest for a weeklong artist in residence community engagement event. Participants will learn about the woodland style of painting and create a number of three-dimensional woodland style figures that will be placed within the forest. The finished work will be unveiled Aug. 17 at 11 a.m.

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**Mondays:** Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Youth darts league starting soon, for ages 10 to 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome.

**Tuesdays:** League darts 7 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Bingo is back, featuring a brand new machine. There's a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.

**Thursdays:** General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

**Fridays:** Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

**Saturdays:** 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.

**Clubroom hours:** Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

The Legion's mandate is to help veterans, assist with their mental and physical health and social wellbeing, provide a feeling of togetherness and combat isolation. All are welcome to attend our events.

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Cobocok**

**Second Monday of the month:** General meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesdays:** Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.

**First Wednesday of the month:** Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.

**Saturdays:** Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

**Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden**

**Monday - Thursday:** Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.

**Friday** Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.

**Saturday** all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11 a.m.

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**Weekly activities:**

Karaoke: call for dates

Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m. Rug Hookers every second week.

Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.



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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received applications to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

**File No. PLSRA2021013:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front 1130 Hamilton Road located within Lot 6, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Snowdon

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** should you wish to provide comments with respect to any of the above referenced applications, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than August 30, 2024.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

**AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** if deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider a By-law for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requisite commenting period.

Amanda Dougherty, B.A. (Hons)  
Manager of Planning, Township of Minden Hills  
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AUG 7	12:15 - 12:50pm, Haliburton School of Art + Design
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AUG 10	11:30am - 12:30pm, Minden Village Green

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**MONDAY**  
OPEN: 11AM - 8PM

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**SUNDAY**  
BRUNCH BUFFET - 10AM - 12PM  
DINNER BUFFET 4PM - 6PM

**MONDAY**  
OPEN: 12PM - 7PM

**TUESDAY**  
CLOSED

**WEDNESDAY**  
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**Thursday Aug 8**  
Rockcliffe - trivia night, 7 p.m.  
Boshkung Social - live music, 6 – 9 p.m.

**Friday Aug 9**  
Haliburton Highlands Brewing - Emily Burgess Band, 7– 9 p.m.

**Saturday Aug 10**  
Dominion Hotel - concert - Ian Reid, 7:00 p.m.

Rockcliffe - Marie McBride  
Boshkung Social -  
10 Year Anniversary Street Party  
Sir Sam's Inn - live music in Gunner's -  
Marcus Thompson, 8 – 10 p.m.

**Sunday Aug 11**  
Boshkung Social - live music, 12 – 3 p.m.

Dominion Hotel - live Music - Eric Casper, 5 p.m.  
Haliburton Highlands Brewing -  
Brain Sachs, 2– 4 p.m.

**Tuesday Aug 13**  
Dominion Hotel - Tiki Tuesday -  
Gary and the Rough Ideas, 5 p.m.

Haliburton Rotary - Gord Kidd & Friends, 6:30 p.m.  
Boshkung Social - CanoeFM Bingo, 6 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Brewing  
- CanoeFM Bingo, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday Aug 14**  
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**REVISION** features Rod Prouse, Sophie Creelman, James Brown, Ashley Toner, Snubsta, Charles Pachter, Renée Woltz and René Petitjean. In addition, we will be highlighting works from Katherine Laird, Jared Tait and Marissa Sweet!

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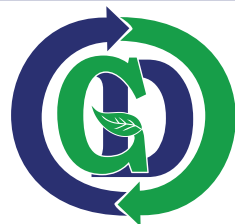
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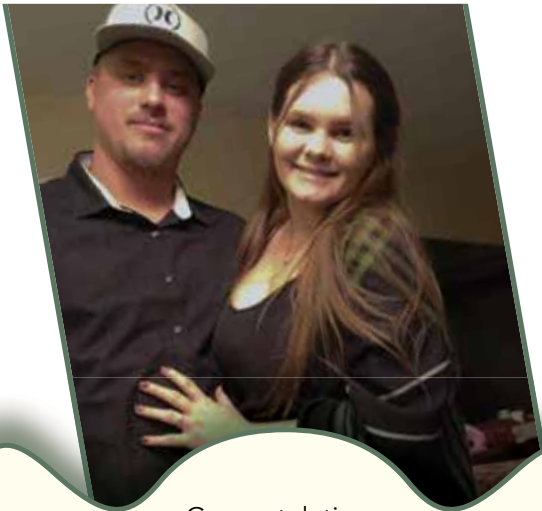


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ERIN!

Erin Nicholson has graduated from Nipissing University with her second degree, a Bachelor of Education (BEd) Senior / Intermediate.

The degree was conferred by The Faculty of Education & Professional Studies, of the Schulich School of Education.

Proud parents, Brian & Susan Nicholson wish Erin much success as she starts this next chapter of her life.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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OBITUARIES



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Jan Pierson  
(nee Dupuis)**  
*(Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario)*

Jan Pierson (nee Dupuis), of Eagle Lake, maker of things, died July 29, 2024, and she is not happy about it.

Born in Detroit in 1944, Jan grew up in Forest Hill, Toronto, and graduated from Women's College Hospital School of Nursing in 1966. She worked as an operating-room nurse at Toronto General and Oshawa General Hospitals for several years before chucking it all in 1972 to devote herself to raising a family. A fierce mother and a woman of opinions numerous and strong, she was annoyed enough with options for her children's education that she helped lead the drive to found the Quest Centre school in Durham Region. She loved to embark on cooking adventures (and sometimes misadventures) and never met a craft she didn't want to try.

Her love of fiber arts in particular led to silk-painting, felting, soft-sculpture, macrame, and weaving (ask her children about The Loom sometime). Upon moving to the Haliburton area she discovered wood-carving and wire sculpture, and devoted vast effort to fashioning the throng of insects, dragons, and fantasy characters that festoon the walls and gardens of her home. A lifelong lover of a good deal, she also volunteered at Lily Ann Thrift Store, allowing her to bring all manner of stuff home. So much stuff.

Was she married? She was, and well, to Don Pierson for 56 years. Her children, Chris and Michael, found equally loving marriages to Rebekah and Patrick. Her grandchildren, Chloe and Quentin, loved "Jan-Jan" ferociously, as did Skyla, her spaniel. She is also missed by Amazon and Temu, for whom she provided substantial financial assistance, and by many friends and neighbours who will long remember the sound of her laughter (and arguing) from across the lake.

Private Funeral Arrangements

As per Jan's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral. Jan intensely disliked cut flowers, and will haunt you if you send them. Instead, give to 4 C's Food Bank and Lily Ann in Haliburton, and to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Also, if you know a smoker, she wants you to tell them to knock it off. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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OBITUARIES



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Susan Foster**  
*Resident of Minden*

On July 29, 2024, at age 69, Susan Foster (née Murawski) was called to heaven after a difficult battle with cancer. Devoted and loving wife of Len Foster who preceded her in death. Dear sister of Catherine (Dennis), Alan (Jean), and Mary (Brian). Lovingly remembered by nieces Lynn, Margaret, and Rebecca along with grandnieces Sophia and Addison. She will also be missed by the children of Len Foster as well as numerous friends in the United States and Canada. Sue worked as an RN and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. During her career and life, she helped and positively impacted many people in the US and Canada, as well as during her time with the US Peace Corps in Nepal.

Visitation and Memorial Service

Friends and family are invited to call at **OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden on Friday morning, August 2nd, 2024 for a Memorial Mass at 2 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). A reception will follow in the Church Hall. As an expression of sympathy, donations to The Canadian Cancer Society or The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care, would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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OBITUARIES



**Kivell, John**  
**1939 - 2024**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Kivell on his 85th birthday August 5 after a short illness.

A loving husband to Gail (predeceased) and loving father to Kelly and Keith.

Fondly remembered by all of his friends on Eagle Lake and the Haliburton community,

John was the Jack of all trades and master of many and would happily lend his expertise to all that needed it. "If John couldn't fix it no one could".

The family would like to express thanks to Peterborough, Oshawa and Haliburton Hospital for the loving care he received.

A private celebration of life will be held by his family.

IN MEMORY



**In Memory of**  
**Wade MacInnes**

Brother-In-Law, our lives go on without you  
But nothing is the same  
We have to hide our heartache  
When someone speaks your name  
Sad are the tears that fall  
Living without you is the hardest part of all

You did so many things for us  
Your heart was so kind and true  
And when we needed someone  
We could always count on you

The special years will not return  
When we were all together  
But with the love in our hearts  
You walk with us forever

**Our love for you will never fade**  
**Glenda, Rick & Diane, Glen & Linda**



*In Loving Memory*  
*Of A Wonderful Husband*

Wade, one year without you  
One year of such sadness and pain  
What I would give to turn back the clock  
To see your smile again

To say how much I love you  
To hold you oh so tight  
To sit and share precious times  
To have just one more night

My world is dark without you  
My heart aches with pain  
Stay safe my love and think of me  
Until we meet again

Love Always, Your Wife Julie



Like a Bunch of Animals

by Barbara Olson  
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- Across**
- 1 Regardless of whether
  - 7 Topic with one's financial planner
  - 11 24/7 care ward
  - 14 Third astrological sign
  - 15 For two voices, musically
  - 16 Bird bill
  - 17 Recalcitrant
  - 20 Alka-Seltzer competitor
  - 21 No longer up for debate
  - 22 Unapparelled
  - 28 Those, in Spain
  - 29 Some executive offices: Abbr.
  - 30 "The \_\_\_ the limit!"
  - 31 Use the paper clip icon
  - 34 For fear that
  - 36 Hubristic
  - 42 "Make \_\_\_ for it!"
  - 43 Hit suddenly, as brakes
  - 44 Constables' superiors: Abbr.
  - 48 "How to \_\_\_ Table" (WebstaurantStore video)
  - 50 What bookworms flip over?
  - 51 Hale
  - 55 Red, in "in the red," grammatically
  - 56 Inits. of Prufrock's creator
  - 57 Elusive
  - 64 Snowbird's souvenir, perhaps
  - 65 "Take \_\_\_ song and make it ..." ("Hey Jude" lyric)
  - 66 Verdi opera with Desdemona
  - 67 Pitching stat
  - 68 Nat'l. public safety agcy.
  - 69 Blows it at the last minute, casually
- Down**
- 1 "For instance" abbrs.
  - 2 November 11th honoree, for short
  - 3 Animal source of a skin soother
  - 4 Pen point
  - 5 Ailing at home, maybe
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  - 7 Aykroyd or Levy

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- 8 Disney's "The Owl House" Clawthorne
- 9 Cards flashed at city drivers
- 10 Like some "Lassie Come Home" viewers
- 11 N.W.T.'s northernmost town
- 12 Veggie platter sticks
- 13 Letter-shaped pipes
- 18 Supremes leader
- 19 Unruly throngs
- 22 Weak tide
- 23 Stargazer's subj.
- 24 The Green Hornet's assistant
- 25 "\_\_\_ Wood sawed wood" (tongue twister)
- 26 Home of the Braves
- 27 Army vehicle make
- 32 Orthodontist's org.
- 33 Bitter severity
- 35 "She's So High" singer Bachman
- 37 Chop \_\_\_
- 38 Pitch-changing guitar device
- 39 CTV news anchor Sachedina
- 40 \_\_\_ in the wheel (peons)
- 41 Tot's spot, perhaps
- 44 Pure as the driven snow
- 45 One with wares to sell
- 46 Meteorology girl?
- 47 Sty serving
- 49 "The Thin Man" terrier
- 52 Slain rapper Shakur
- 53 The "A" in YMCA: Abbr.
- 54 Shrubby flatland
- 58 Ill-fated Heyerdahl craft
- 59 A CFL field has 110
- 60 New beginning?
- 61 Edmonton Grey Cup seeker
- 62 Spanish letter after "ka"
- 63 Start to many Mexican cites

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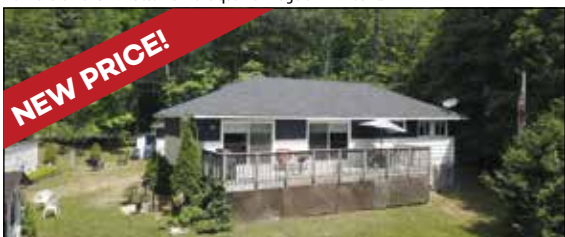
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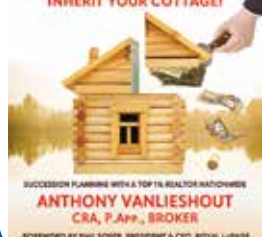
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